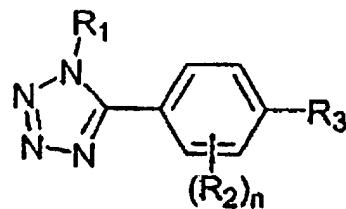


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

1. (Original) A compound of formula Ia:



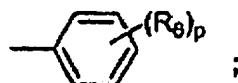
(Ia)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof, wherein:

R₁ is CO₂R₄;

each R₂ is independently -halo, -NO₂, -CN, -OH, -N(R₅)(R₅), -OR₅, -C(O)R₅, -OC(O)R₅, -C(O)NHC(O)R₅, -(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, -(C₂-C₁₀)alkenyl, -(C₂-C₁₀)alkynyl, -(C₃-C₁₀)cycloalkyl, -(C₈-C₁₄)bicycloalkyl, -(C₅-C₁₀)cycloalkenyl, -(C₃-C₁₀)heterocycle, -phenyl, -naphthyl, -benzyl, -CO₂R₅, -C(O)OCH(R₅)(R₅), -NHC(O)R₅, -NHC(O)NHR₅, -C(O)NHR₅, -OC(O)R₅, -OC(O)OR₅, -SR₅, -S(O)R₅, or -S(O)₂R₅;

R₃ is -H, -halo, -NO₂, -CN, -OH, -N(R₅)(R₅), -O(CH₂)_mR₅, -C(O)R₅, -C(O)NR₅R₅, -C(O)NH(CH₂)_m(R₅), -OCF₃, -benzyl, -CO₂CH(R₅)(R₅), -(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, -(C₂-C₁₀)alkenyl, -(C₂-C₁₀)alkynyl, -(C₃-C₁₀)cycloalkyl, -(C₈-C₁₄)bicycloalkyl, -(C₅-C₁₀)cycloalkenyl, -naphthyl, -(C₃-C₁₀)heterocycle, -CO₂(CH₂)_mR₅, -NHC(O)R₅, -N(R₅)C(O)R₅, -NHC(O)NHR₅, -OC(O)(CH₂)_mCHR₅R₅, -CO₂(CH₂)_mCHR₅R₅, -OC(O)OR₅, -SR₅, -S(O)R₅, -S(O)₂R₅, -S(O)₂NHR₅, or



R₄ is -(C₅)heteroaryl, -(C₆)heteroaryl, phenyl, naphthyl, or benzyl;

each R₅ is independently -H, -CF₃, -(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, -benzyl, -adamantyl, -morpholinyl, -pyrrolidyl, -pyridyloxide, -pyrrolidinyldione, -piperidyl, -(C₂-C₁₀)alkenyl, -(C₂-C₁₀)alkynyl, -(C₃-C₁₀)cycloalkyl, -(C₈-C₁₄)bicycloalkyl, -(C₃-C₁₀)heterocycle, or



each R₆ is independently -H, -halo, -NO₂, -CN, -OH, -CO₂H, -N((C₁-C₁₀)alkyl))((C₁-C₁₀)alkyl), -O(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, -C(O)(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, -C(O)NH(CH₂)_m(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, -OCF₃, -benzyl, -CO₂(CH₂)_mCH((C₁-C₁₀)alkyl)((C₁-C₁₀)alkyl), -C(O)H, -CO₂(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, -(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, -(C₂-C₁₀)alkenyl, -(C₂-C₁₀)alkynyl, -(C₃-C₁₀)cycloalkyl, -(C₈-C₁₄)bicycloalkyl, -(C₅-C₁₀)cycloalkenyl, -(C₅)heteroaryl, -(C₆)heteroaryl, -phenyl, naphthyl, -(C₃-C₁₀)heterocycle, -CO₂(CH₂)_m(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, -CO₂(CH₂)_mH, -NHC(O)(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, -NHC(O)NH(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, -OC(O)(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, -OC(O)O(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, -SO₂NHR₅, or -SO₂NH₂;

n is an integer ranging from 0 to 4;

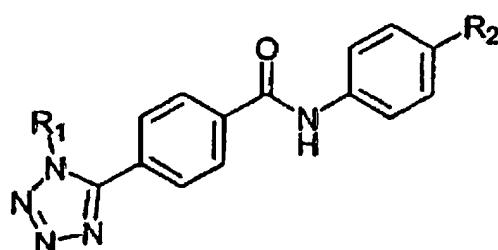
each m is independently an integer ranging from 0 to 8; and

each p is independently an integer ranging from 0 to 5.

2. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound of claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

Claims 3-13 have been canceled without prejudice.

14. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (Ib):



(Ib)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof, wherein:

R₁ is -H, -CO₂R₄, -C(O)R₅, or -C(O)N(R₅)(R₅);

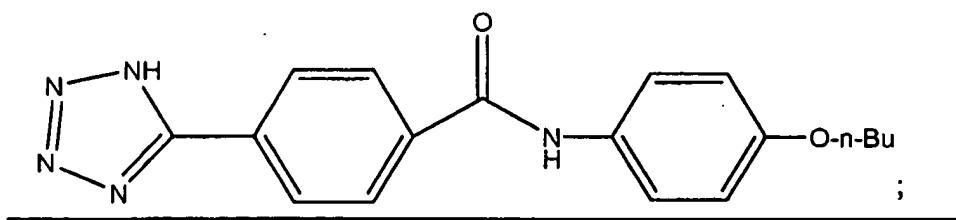
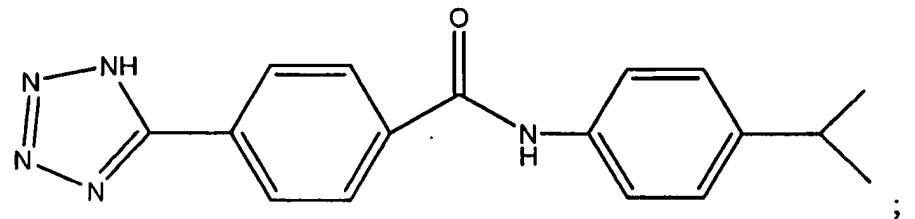
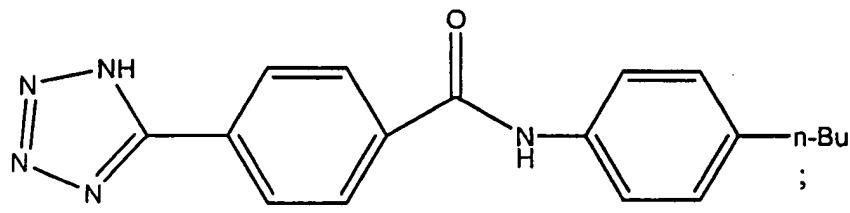
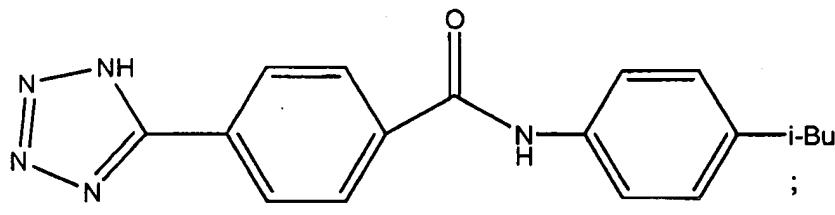
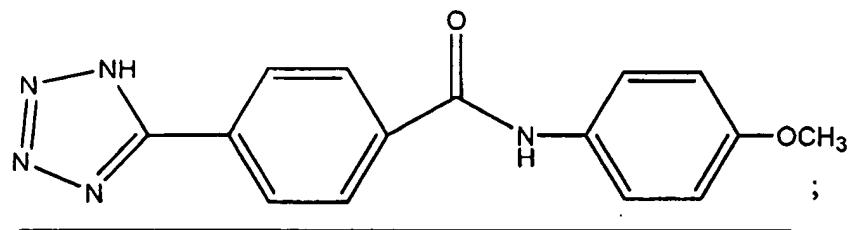
R₂ is -(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl or -O(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl;

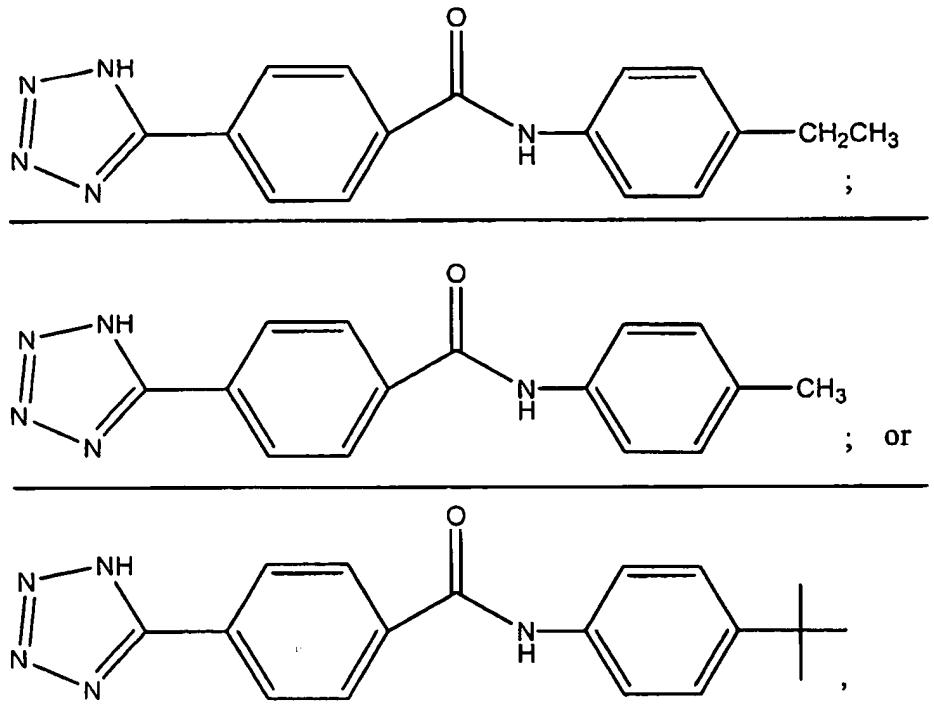
R₄ is -(C₅)heteroaryl, -(C₆)heteroaryl, phenyl, naphthyl, or benzyl; and

each R₅ is independently -H, -CF₃, -(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, -benzyl, -(C₂-C₁₀)alkenyl,

-(C₂-C₁₀)alkynyl, -(C₃-C₁₀)cycloalkyl, -(C₈-C₁₄)bicycloalkyl, or -(C₃-C₁₀)heterocycle,

with the proviso that the compound is other than:





or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof.

Claims 15-25 have been canceled without prejudice.

26. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound of claim 14 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

27. (Previously Presented) The compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate of claim 14, wherein R₁ is -H.